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LETTER OF EXPLANATION

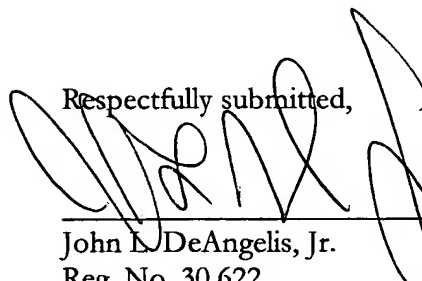
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have attempted to fax the attached amendment (9 pages) and a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission (1 page) to (571) 273 3800 several times this evening without success. I have therefore decided to mail the amendment including a certificate of mailing. I apologize for any confusion that this may have caused. Please contact me at the telephone number below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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In response to the Office Action mailed on September 1, 2005, please amend the subject application as follows.